

## News Release

Subject: Community Christmas Tree to Arrive in Downtown Yakima

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## Community Christmas Tree Arrives November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Preparations are under way for the arrival of Yakima's Community Christmas Tree on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY) crew in partnership with the City of Yakima Public Works Division and Russell Crane will secure a tree provided by a Yakima area residence, move the tree to Millennium Plaza, and place the tree into the ground on Monday.

The tree's arrival will not impact traffic, though parking spaces adjacent to Millennium Plaza on 3rd Street will be closed to accommodate the installation.

The tree is approximately 40 feet in height prior to grooming and trimming for installation.

Plans for transporting the tree to Downtown Yakima are subject to change dependent on weather and equipment.

The official tree lighting ceremony will be Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the conclusion of Downtown Yakima's annual Holiday Lighted Parade. The parade starts at 5:00 pm and is scheduled to conclude at 8:00 pm.

Volunteers with DAY will hang lights on trees in the Plaza area prior to the parade and lighting ceremony.